tion, transfer of profits to Reserves, declaration of dividend, deposits, conversion of loans into equity, investors' protection, voting rights of Trustees, credit rating, appointment of sole selling agents, penalties, dominant undertakings etc.

(c) and (d) Changes have been made in the rates of depreciation in Schedule XIV to the Companies Act, 1956, as also in Schedule XIII to the said Act relating to appointment of managerial personnel and payment of managerial remuneration *vide* Notification GSR No. 756 (E) dated 16th December, 1993 and No. 48 (E) dated 1st February, 1994 respectively. The other suggestions have been examined and necessary changes, if deemed fit, will be made in the Companies Bill, 1993.

Enactment of a law on the functioning of political parties

4984. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received requests for the enactment of a law on functioning of political parties;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is a rush of anti-social elements in political parties, who under the protective label or umbrella of political parties indulge in anti-social activities; and

(c) what are the reasons for not bringing forward a legislation so far on the functioning of political parties when laws are enacted for trade unions, co-operatives, companies, etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS : (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 lays down conditions for registration of a political party. The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 1993 contains a provision to further strengthen this section. Need for enacting any other law for the specific purpose of regulating the functioning of the political parties has not been so far felt by the Government.

Pilot Projects in the Country

4985. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the various pilot projects set up and are working satisfactorily, State-wise;

(b) what is the total cost of these projects;

(c) how much energy is produced and used from these projects;

(d) what is the cost comparison of non-conventional energy vis-a-vis to other source energy such as thermal hydro nuclear energy, etc.;

(e) whether Government have any time schedule for producing non-conventional energy on comparable cost; and

(f) if so, what are the agencies and their action plans ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is implementing various programmes involving R&D, demonstration, extension and pilot projects for the development and utilization of NRSE technologies. Besides numerous demonstration projects, pilot projects for scaling up technologies and for evaluating technical feasibility undertaken so far as follows :

In the State of Tamil Nadu two pilot projects on Biomass Cogeneration of power have been undertaken at a cost of Rs. 10.60 crores. About 55 lakhs Kwhr of power have been generated upto February, 1994. In addition, a 45 cubic meter per day capacity biogas plant based on pressmud has also been undertaken in the State. One number of biogas plant of 100 cubic meter per day capa-